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SUBJ: RTG REVIEW OF MINIMUM WAGE

DEPARTMENT PASS USDOL/ILAB

1. RTG NATIONAL WAGE COMMITTEE UNDER MINISTRY OF INTERIOR IS CURRENTLY REVIEWING THAI MINIMUM WAGE LAW. IN THIS CONNECTION RTG DEPARTMENT OF LABOR IS PREPARING A COMPARATIVE STUDY OF MINIMUM WAGE PROVISIONS IN SELECTED FOREIGN COUNTRIES AND HAS ASKED EMBASSY FOR INFORMATION ON MINIMUM WAGE LEGISLATION AND PRACTICES IN THE UNITED STATES.

2. RTG DOL OFFICIALS SEEM PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN INFORMATION ON 1) DETERMINATION OF APPROPRIATE MINIMUM WAGE LEVEL IN LIGHT OF A COUNTRY'S LEVEL OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, 2) ECONOMIC CRITERIA FOR ADJUSTMENT OF MINIMUM WAGE FOR INFLATION AND/OR ECONOMIC GROWTH AND 3) ESTABLISHMENT OF DIFFERENTIATED MINIMUM WAGE SCALE TO REFLECT DIFFERENCES IN REGIONS, SKILLS AND/OR AGE.

3. USDOL REQUESTED TO FORWARD TO EMBASSY LABOR OFFICER ASAP COPY OF CURRENT U.S. MINIMUM WAGE LAW, ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATIONS GOVERNING ITS APPLICATION, AND ANY RELATED MATERIALS WHICH MIGHT BE USEFUL TO RTGDOL IN ITS STUDY.
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